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1. IN VIEW SPANISH INABILITY CONDUCT SUBSTANTIVE TALKS ON CHARTER ISSUE AT THIS TIME, US SCHEDULE HAS BEEN REARRANGED AND IT MOST UNLIKELY US TEAM WILL VISIT MADRID IN NEXT WEEKS. HOWEVER, IT CONCEIVABLE THAT AN OPEN SPOT ON THE SCHEDULE WILL APPEAR AND EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE ADVISE GOS THAT THE US STILL HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING A BRIEF STOP IN SPAIN FOR INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS. (IN NO RPT NO CASE WOULD THIS BE ON 28TH, HOWEVER.)

2. RE SPANISH REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS ON TWA SUMMER SCHEDULES, WE CONTINUE BE PUZZLED BY THIS REQUEST IN VIEW TRULY MODEST TWA INCREASE, WHICH, SIGNIFICANTLY BASED SOLELY
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ON INAUGURATION SERVICE TO ONE OF NEW POINTS IN US-SPAIN

CIVAIR BILATERAL. (US, OF COURSE, DID NOT EVEN RAISE AN EYEBROW WHEN IBERIA INAUGURATED SERVICE TO BOSTON AND WASHINGTON.)

3. IF SPANISH DO INSIST ON CAPACITY CONSULTATIONS UNDER MOU, WE WILL NOT REFUSE AND WOULD BE WILLING TO RECEIVE A SPANISH DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT EXACTLY IS TROUBLESOME ABOUT THE TWA SCHEDULES. WE WONDER IF REAL SPANISH PROBLEM MAY NOT BE CONCERN OVER IBERIA'S FUTURE FUEL SITUATION IN THE US. IF IT IS, THIS COULD AND SHOULD BE TACKLED IN MANNER OTHER THAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CAPACITY TALKS. (FYI: POSSIBLE, BUT UNLIKELY, THAT PROBLEM COULD BE RATHER COMPLEX WESTBOUND MALAGA-MADRID AND ROME-MADRID LINK UP FOR PERIOD APRIL 4-28 (FLIGHTS 903 AND 6903) BUT THIS ONLY VERY TEMPORARY AND WOULD APPEAR MORE TECHNICAL POINT RE CHANGE OF GAUGE PROVISION THAN REAL CAPACITY PROBLEM. END FYI.) RUSH

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